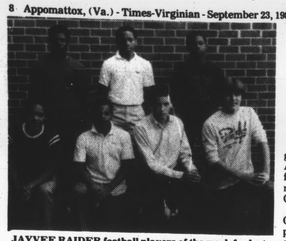


JAYVEE RAIDER football players of the week for last week included (Front, from left) Ronald Scruggs, Duane Patterson, Alex Almond, Russell Walton (back, from left) James Baker, Gary Wynn, and Andre McCoy. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Sweeney Classic nears

Plans are underway for the 4th annual Joe Sweeney 10K Classic road-race. This 6.2 mile race is named after Joe Sweeney, an Appomattox native who invented the five-string banjo. It is sponsored by the Farmers National Bank of Appomattox and is held in conjunction with the 10th annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival.

In 1981, there were 157 runners finishing the course. The men's record is held by Appomattox native Richard Ferguson with a time of 31:20, set in 1980. The women's record was also set in 1980, by Kathy Taylor of Lynchburg with a time of 42:56.

The race begins October 9 at 1 p.m. on Rt. 1002 beside Appomattox County High School and ends on the High School parking lot property. There is plenty of parking, and showers are available for the runners. Railroad Festival festivities will be in full swing in the Main Street area before, during and after the race, so bring your families and enjoy the day.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three male finishers, the top three female finishers, and the first three finishers in each of 13 age groups. Age groups were broken down according to the average number of applicants in each group in previous years. Race tee shirts will be provided for the first 200 runners to enter the race. Light refreshments will be provided to the runners at the end of the race.

There are plenty of good viewing spots, such as the intersection of Lee-Grant Avenue with Church Street (near Liberty Baptist Church), all along Lee-Grant Avenue, Main Street near Jeanne's Restaurant, Court Street between Memorial Methodist Church and Main Street, and of course, at the Finish Line at the High School. Spectators are encouraged to come out to view the race and give a warm Appomattox welcome to all the participants. Cheer for the runners the first through the last - as they pass your way. Your encouragement helps them tremendously. If you live along the race route and wish to provide water, stand along the side of the road to offer it, so that you don't obstruct the runners' path. If it is warm and humid, you could help by spraying a water hose along the side of the road so that runners may run under, leaving room for those who do not wish to get wet to pass along the center of the road. Help us make this a race which runners throughout Central Virginia look forward to each year. Applaud the runners - encourage them. Spectator support has been missing in years past - let's change that.

Varsity team

Four gridders cited for play

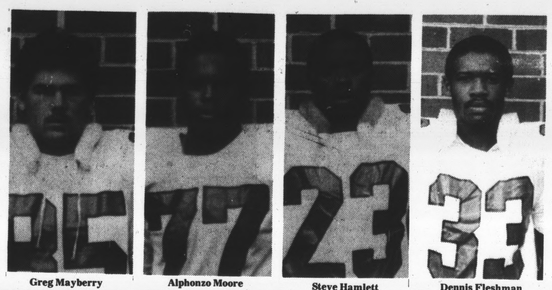
Four varsity Raider gridders were cited by the Appomattox coaching staff for their efforts in Friday night's victory over Nelson County.

Linemen of the week are Greg Mayberry and Alphonzo Moore, and backs of the week are Steve Hamlett and Dennis Fleshman.

Mayberry had three pass receptions for 61 yards, blocked well on offense, and had two tackles and three assists against Nelson.

Moore did "an outstanding job blocking on the offensive line," according to Raider coach Gary Cuccio.

Hamlett had one tackle, one interception and one assist on defense, with 99 yards on 14 carries against Nelson.



Greg Mayberry | Alphonzo Moore | Steve Hamlett | Dennis Fleshman

Hunting, fishing to be focus this Saturday

The 11th annual National Hunting and Fishing Day celebration will be held at River Ridge Mall in Lynchburg on Saturday, September 25 from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. More than 12 sporting and conservation organizations have joined to sponsor the event with a wide variety of free demonstraitons of outdoor skills and exhibits on conservation of wildlife and other natural resources.

There will be activities to interest everyone. Admission is free, and you don't have to be an outdoorsman to take part. Many activities are designed for the non-sportsman - to provide free instruction in the outdoor sports and an opportunity to join with sportsmen in the conservation of our natural resources.

National Hunting and Fishing Day focuses on the importance of conserving our natural and wildlife resources and the vital role hunters and fishermen play in conservation through license fees and special taxes on sporting equipment. These funds provide over 500 million dollars each year for conservation activities such as land acquisition, research and management of habitat for fish and wildlife which benefit both non-sportsmen and sportsmen. Hundreds of non-game species as well as game species benefit from these sportsman-supported conservation programs.

Garvey Winegar, a well known sportsman, outdoor writer and entrtainer will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the day long event. Activities will include demonstration on fly tying and casting by members of Trout Unlimited, a group which works to protect and rebuild trout streams. American Indian tools and weapons will be displayed by Kit Shaffer. Melvin Mitchell with the Va. Taxidermists Association will provide a display of game trophy animals and information on proper care of game you wish to mount. Decoy duck carving and painting will be demonstrated by Sandry Robertson, a member of Ducks Unlimited.

The Virginia Game Commission will have game wardens and biologists on hand to provide information on regulations and techniques of modern fish and wildlife management.

The Virginia Bowhunters will have displays on bowhunting techniques & safety. The Virginia Wild Turkey Federation will have demonstrations on calling techniques and modern management practices used to improve habitat for this once rare game bird.

Operation RESPECT & the Virginia Wildlife Federation will have displays on efforts to improve outdoor ethics and conservation, sportsman - landowner relations through information, education and legislative programs.

The Lynchburg Bassmasters will have displays on modern techniques and equipment used in scientific fishing. The Izaak Walton League will provide information on upcoming hunter safety courses.

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Raiders still unbeaten, face Liberty Friday

The Raider varisty football team remained undefeated in their third shutout of this season, a 40-0 victory over Nelson County Friday night.

Appomattox was in command from the opening whistle, scoring 12 points in the first quarter, 14 in the second, and seven in each of the final two quarters.

Before the game ended, the powerful Raider offense had compiled a total of 394 yards on offense, including 118 yards passing and 276 yards on the ground.

Quarterback Kevin Ferguson had an outstanding night, completing seven of ten passes, two of which were good for touchdowns. Greg Mayberry caught three passes for 61 yards, Allen Edmonds caught one for eight yards, and Jody Williams caught four for 49 yards and two touchdowns.

Dennis Fleshman was the leading ground gainer for the Raiders, carrying the ball 14 times for 99 yards. Steve Hamlett also had an excellent night, carrying the ball ten times for 87 yards. Other Raiders figuring in the ground game against Nelson County were Gary Ferguson with 62 yards on eight carries, and Petey McIvor with 19 yards on nine carries. Gary Ferguson scored twice while running the ball, and McIvor and Hamlett each scored a touchdown running the ball.

Defensively, the Raiders held Nelson County to three first downs, including six yards on the ground and 46 in the air.

Rodney Bryant and Ricky Miller each had five tackles and one assist against Nelson, and Miller sacked the quarterback once. Allen Edmonds had four tackles, two assists and a sack, Jeff Miller had two tackles, four assists and a sack, and Carl Banks had two tackles, five assists and a sack against Nelson County.

Friday night's victory against Nelson County set the stage for this week's home opener for the Raiders, a showdown with unbeaten Liberty.

Liberty, coming off a 7-0 win against William Campbell last week, has a powerful offense and a defense which held William Campbell to less than 200 yards total offense.

"Their nose guard, Jerry Thompson, is probably the quickest defensive lineman we'll play against this season," commented Raider Coach Gary Cuccio.

The clash of the unbeaten teams is scheduled to get underway Friday night at 8 p.m. in Appomattox's Bragg Stadium, behind Appomattox Middle School off Route 460.

JV's tie Nelson, 6-6

The Raider jayvee football team battled Nelson County to a 6-6 tie here last Thursday to even their record to 1-1-1.

The game was highlighted by tough defensive play by both teams. "Our defensive team was on the field about 75 percent of the time," commented Raider coach Howard Clabough.

"Our offense has been inconsistent this year," he continued. "We can move the football, but we have been hurting ourselves with turnovers."

Nelson County recovered a Raider fumble and scored in the first quarter, but missed the two-point conversion attempt. The Raiders answered Nelson's score with a 45-yard scoring pass from quarterback Alex Almond to split end Andre McCoy to tie the score at 6-6.

The second half was "good solid defense" by both teams, according to Clabough. The Raiders made a goal line stand in the third quarter, stopping the Nelson drive at the three-yard line. Late in the fourth quarter, Nelson County stopped a Raider drive at the ten-yard line.

The Raiders had a total of 156 yards offense against Nelson, including 77 on the ground and 79 in the air. Ronnie Scruggs led Raider runners with 62 yards on 10 carries. Almond was five for nine in the passing department and had the one touchdown pass.

Defensive ends James Baker and Gary Wynn led the Raider defense. Tackles Jeff Williams and Sonny Martin, nose guard Cleve Jones and linebackers Russell Walton, Toby Cunningham, Andre McCoy and Duane Patterson also had good defensive games, according to Clabough.

Ron Scruggs and Alex Almond were named offensive backs of the week for their efforts against Nelson County, and Russell Walton and Duane Patterson were named defensive backs of the week. Walton had 16 tackles and Patterson, a cornerback, had eight tackles and one fumble recovery.

James Baker (seven tackles) and Gary Wynn (six tackles) were named defensive lineman of the week, and Andre McCoy, with his 45-yard touchdown reception, was named offensive lineman of the week after the Nelson County game.

This week, the jayvee Raiders were scheduled to travel to Liberty for a 6 p.m. game.

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Duck hunters, note

Jack Raybourne, Chief of the Game Commission's Game Division, reminds waterfowl hunters that blind applications are now being accepted for hunting on the Commission's waterfowl fee areas. Applications are available in person or by mail from the Commission's Richmond Office (P.O. Box 11104, 4010 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23230-1104), and must be returned by 5 p.m. on October 8, 1982, regardless of postmarked date. Applications may be delivered in person up until the deadline.

A computer - assisted drawing will be held in Richmond on October 12 and the public is invited to attend. Applicants are cautioned to read instructions carefully as some application procedures have changed. Failure to follow instructions completely may disqualify an applicant. Complete instructions and information about each area is available on the application form.

White finishes 1982 stock-car season

Larry White of Appomattox ended his 1982 racing season Saturday night at South Boston Speedway on a disappointing note, as his car experienced mechanical problems and he was able to complete only eight laps.

White, in his rookie year behind the wheel, said that a fouled fuel line caused his car to cut off and took him out of the race. "Things like the happen in racing," White commented of the problem.

White added that he was still happy with the "half season," however. He ran in only eight races and finished in the top five twice, and in the top ten five times.

"I'm looking forward to the 1983 season," White said. "We're going to try to win the South Boston track championship. We learned a lot this year. We are a rookie team and still have a lot to learn, and if I can get sponsorship for next year, we are going to win some races," White continued.

White thanked all his supporters from Appomattox, and his sponsors, N.A.P.A. of Appomattox and Bremmer Welding Supply of Lynchburg.

"You can bet that we are going to give Appomattox a winning race team next year," White concluded.

THE1982 RAIDER golf team includes (front, from left) Chris Tolley, Darrell Conner, Freddy Lawson, John Fedison, Ray Richardson, M.J. House, (rear, from left) Mike Williams, Jay Stewart, Bobby Carter, Timmy Almond, R.L. Waldo, Coach Doug Marshall. In four quadrangular meets prior to this week, the Raiders recorded two first-place finishes, one second and one fourth. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Raiderettes split

The Raiderette varsity basketball team defeated Brookville 35-32 Thursday, after falling to Altavista 45-37 in Tuesday's contest.

The Raiderettes led at the half, 20-16, but Altavista rolled in the second half, scoring 14 points in the third quarter, and 15 in the final period of play. The Raiderettes could manage only 17 points total in the second half.

Coach Mary Tolley said the big factor in the game working against Appomattox was the Raiderettes' rebounding performance. Altavista gathered in 44 rebounds, while the Raiderettes collected only 23 in the game.

Leading the Raiderettes in this game were Ruby Smith, with 22 points, six rebounds and five steals; Sandra Watkins, with nine points, three rebounds, two steals; Robin Paulette, with one point, one rebound, three assists, and two steals; Kaye Brown, with three rebounds; Sally Coleman, with two points and five rebounds; Lisa Pannell, with one point, three rebounds and one steal, and Cheryl Williams, with one assist.

Thursday's game against Brookville started slow for both teams, with Brookville building a slight lead, 10-6, by halftime.

The Raiderettes took the lead in the third period, however, scoring 13 points while holding Brookville to eight points. In the final period, the Raiderettes outscored Brookville 16-14, to record the win by a three-point margin, 35-32.

Tolley noted that the Raiderettes displayed a "poor offensive performance" in the first half. She added that the deciding factor in this game was the Appomattox girls' performance at the foul line, where the Raiderettes went 9 for 20. The Raiderettes also improved their rebounding game, collecting 42 to Brookville's 34.

Leading the Raiderettes were Ruby Smith with 16 points, seven rebounds, two steals and two assists; Sandra Watkins with 14 points, 13 rebounds and three steals; Robin Paulette with two points, one rebound and one steal; Kaye Brown with one point and ten rebounds; Lisa Pannell with two points, five rebounds and two steals; Sally Coleman with four rebounds; and Cheryl Williams with two rebounds. Tolley cited the efforts of Pannell and Coleman for their "good job off the bench."

Following last week's action, the Raiderettes had a 5-2 overall record (4-2 in the Seminole District). The team was scheduled to play Liberty Tuesday after the Times-Virginian deadline and will face off against Buckingham today (Thursday) at home. Next Tuesday, the girls are scheduled to go to Rustburg at Rustburg.

Jayvee games start at 6:30; and the varsity games get underway about half an hour after the end of the junior varsity game.

Band to perform Friday

The Appomattox County High School Marching Band will present their first marching performance at this Friday night's varsity football game against Liberty.

The band has been practicing daily after school for several weeks, and is looking forward to delivering excellent half-time entertainment!

Golf tourney slated

An 18-hole Captain's Choice couple's golf tournament is planned for Sept. 26 at Falling River Country Club.

The tournament is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

Those interested in participating in this tournament may sign up at the club house or call Barbara J. Guill, Jackie Ballowe or Patsy J. Moore.

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